1: Holmberg--18 [4] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 342, 476

"At best, rarely more than two layers of leaves are placed over the frame. Moreover, a new house is never built larger than a size just sufficient to accommodate the people present at the time of building. If families are away from the band at the time, additional space is not provided to accommodate them, and when they return they themselves will have to add a section to the main house."

1: Holmberg--23-24 (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 224, 476

"Other types of cooperation between hunters have developed because of unusual circumstances encountered in the jungle. The area, for instance, contains many tall trees in which game is sometimes situated at such a height that it is out of range of the bow. If a hunter is alone he will usually be forced to pass up such game, but if a companion is with him they may cooperate in making an effort to secure it. This is done in the following manner. One of the hunters slings his taut bow over his back and climbs up the tree to a branch that is within range of the animal. If the trunk is of such thickness as to prevent him from climbing directly up the tree, a sapling is cut and bound to the trunk with liana. He then climbs this sapling until the branches of the tree can be reached. Once in position to shoot the animal, he signals to his companion below, who puts an arrow into his bow and releases it with just enough force to reach the hunter aloft. The latter, as the arrow goes by, grabs it, puts it in his bow, and shoots the animal. This is by no means a common method of hunting and is practiced only in case the animal in the trees is one [24] not likely to move, such as a female howler monkey whose male companion has been killed. However, I witnessed it several times while I was living with the Siriono, and in each instance the game was bagged."

116, 224, 476

"White-lipped peccaries can be discovered a great distance away, both by smell and sound. Moreover, they are one of the few animals that the Siriono spend days in tracking down and are also one of the few that are sometimes hunted cooperatively. As band peccaries are accustomed to follow a leader, and to root up almost everything as they go along, to track them down is not a difficult task.

To originate a cooperative peccary hunt some hunter must previously have sighted fresh tracks relatively near camp, say within a half day's distance on foot. On the day following the report, the hunters set out, using the person who discovered the trail as a guide. They take with them only their bamboo-headed arrows (tákwa), as only these are effective in killing such a large animal. Arriving at the trail, they follow it until they can hear the noise of the peccaries, which is not unlike the sound of distant thunder—the reason perhaps that the Siriono have associated thunder with the falling of peccaries to the earth.

After the band has been discovered, the hunting party stops and lays plans for the kill. If the chief is present—he is always one of the best hunters—other members of the party usually accept his method of attack. A band of peccaries is always approached against the wind, so that the hunters will not be discovered. If it is possible to come up from behind the band, this is considered the best strategy. In any case, an attempt is always made to circle the band so as to kill as many peccaries as possible. Some hunters approach from the rear; others from either side. The signal for the kill is given by the

hunter first getting in position to shoot; the arrows then begin to fly from all directions. Each hunter usually picks a fat peccary for his first arrow. If possible, the leader of the band is also killed, not only because it is generally the biggest boar but because the band will thus have greater difficulty re-forming and the other peccaries will be easier to kill."

1: Holmberg--41 [4] (1941-42) 1950 Sirionó
116, 476, 594, 602

"The nuclear family is the basic work group. Although considerable cooperation in the performance of duties takes place between members of an extended family, there are few tasks whose performance necessitates the cooperation of all members of the band. The nearest approach to such cooperation occurs when the band is on the march —when a new camp site has to be cleared or when a new house has to be built. But even in carrying out these tasks, members of an extended family join together to clear the part of the site which they will occupy or to build that section of the house where they will live. In this simple society the ties of kinship are strong."